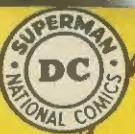




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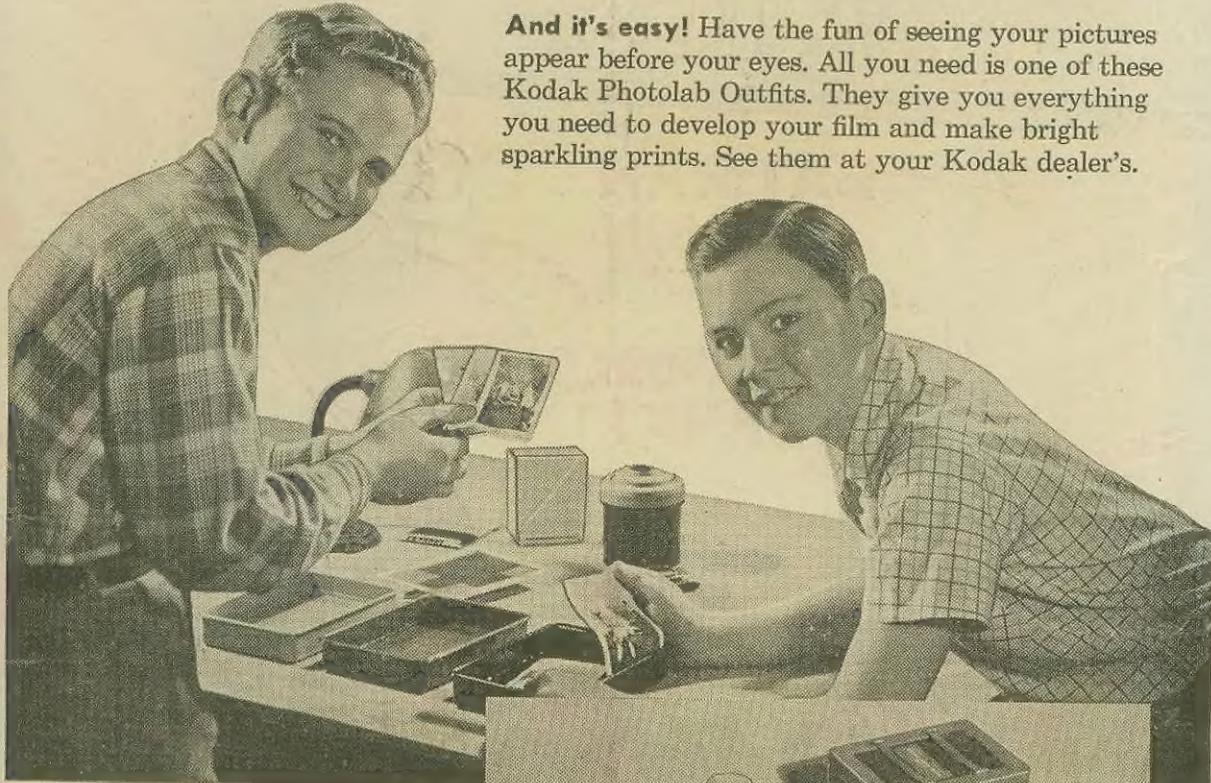
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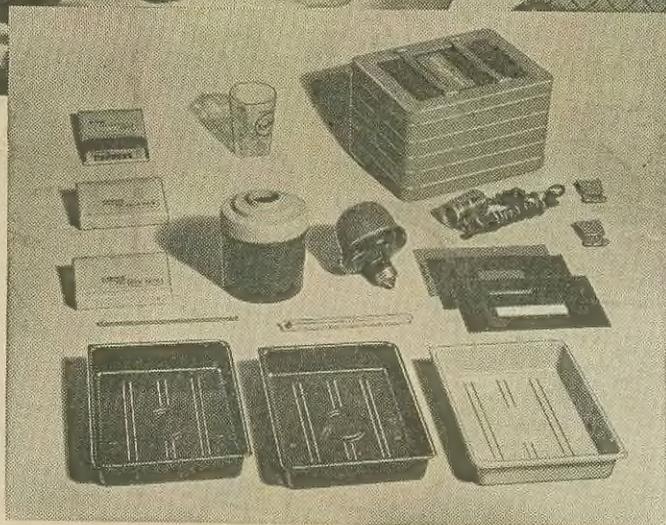
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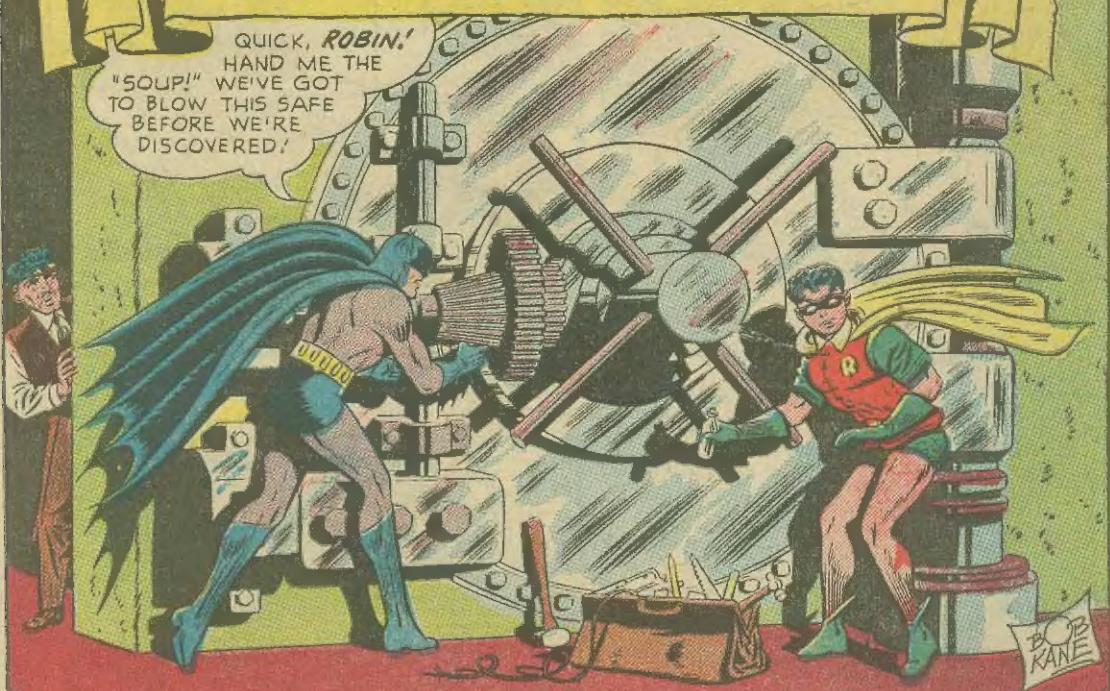
BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-

MANY TIMES HAVE BATMAN AND ROBIN THWARTED THE EFFORTS OF CRIMINALS TO CRASH THE GIANT BANK VAULTS WHICH HOLD THE HARD-EARNED SAVINGS OF THE HONEST CITIZENS OF GOTHAM. BUT CAN YOU IMAGINE THE FAMED DARING DUO AS A TEAM OF BANK ROBBERS? YES, THIS IS THE STARTLING SITUATION IN WHICH WE FIND THE FAMED CRIME-CRUSHERS WHEN THEY ENTER UPON A NEW AND AMAZING CHAPTER IN THEIR ADVENTURE-PACKED LIVES...A CHAPTER WHICH REVEALS THE SECRET WORKINGS OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST SINISTER FINANCIAL EMPIRES--A FABULOUS INSTITUTION KNOWN AS...

"The Underworld Bank!"

QUICK, ROBIN! HAND ME THE "SOUP!" WE'VE GOT TO BLOW THIS SAFE BEFORE WE'RE DISCOVERED!



DETECTIVE COMICS

ON A DARK BACK-STREET IN GOTHAM CITY, A SLEEK VEHICLE HALTS AND TWO FAMILIAR FIGURES EMERGE...



... THEY ARE THE FAMED DYNAMIC DUO, BATMAN AND ROBIN!

DOWN THROUGH THE MANHOLE, INTO A SUBTERRANEAN LABYRINTH OF CONDUITS AND CABLES, AND THEN...



THE HOLE IN THE FOUNDATION IS BIG ENOUGH TO GET THROUGH NOW! LET'S GO!

FINALLY, A STRANGE GOAL FOR THESE TWO...

ALL RIGHT, ROBIN! THERE'S THE VAULT! LET'S CRACK IT!



... TO A SESSION OF THE GOTHAM CITY CRIME COMMISSION WHICH FACES A RELUCTANT WITNESS...

WHAT IS THIS? BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE TWO MOST FAMOUS BATTLES ON THE SIDE OF LAW AND ORDER, BURROWING BENEATH THE CITY LIKE DARK CONSPIRATORS ... THEN, WITH BURGLARS' TOOLS IN HAND, ABOUT TO CRACK A GREAT VAULT! WHY? TO LEARN THE REASON FOR THEIR BIZARRE ACT, LET US TURN BACK THE CLOCK 24 HOURS...

YOU WERE SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY FOR A \$10,000 BANK ROBBERY! NONE OF THE LOOT HAS BEEN RECOVERED! WHERE DID YOU HIDE IT, REGAL?

I TOLD THE COMMITTEE BEFORE. I DON'T REMEMBER.



AND AS THE PARADE OF WITNESSES CONTINUES...

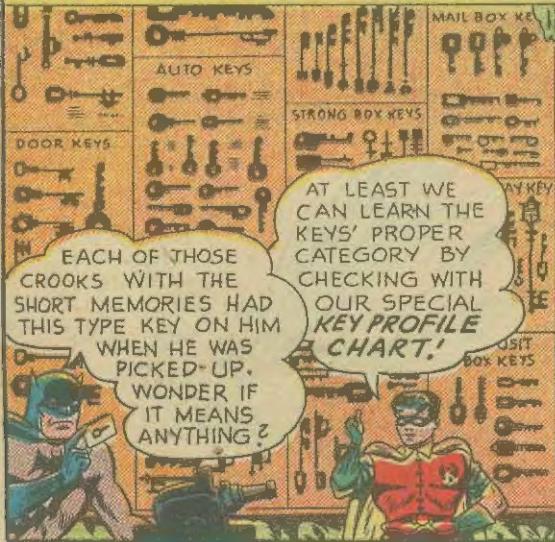
... AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THE QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF DIAMONDS YOU WERE CONVICTED OF STEALING, PORTER?

FRANKLY, COMMISSIONER GORDON, I DON'T REMEMBER! THAT'S MY STORY AND I'M STICKING TO IT!

THIS IS THE FOURTH CROOK TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AND CLAIM HE DOESN'T REMEMBER THE WHEREABOUTS OF HIS LOOT. AND CAREFUL SEARCHES BY THE POLICE HAVEN'T TURNED UP ANY CLUES!

THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN MAKE THEM TELL WHERE THEY'VE HIDDEN IT. ROBIN.

LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE, SECRET REPOSITORY FOR A THOUSAND CRIME-CRUSHING WEAPONS...



AFTERWARDS, IN THE OFFICE OF ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST MAKERS OF SAFE EQUIPMENT...

THIS IS THE LAST SAFE BOX MANUFACTURER IN THE--

DELIVERED THEM SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO A WATERFRONT WAREHOUSE. THE BUYER SAID THEY WERE FOR EXPORT.

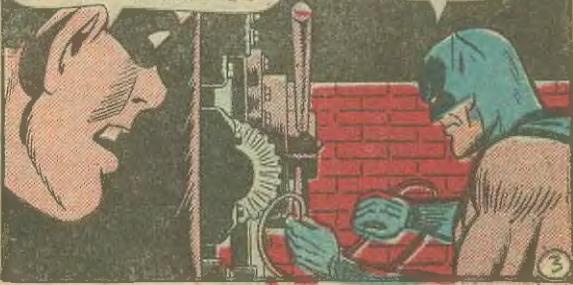
I HAVE A REPORT ON THE KEYS YOU'VE COLLECTED, BATMAN! WE DID MANUFACTURE THE BOXES THEY FIT...



AND SO IT IS THAT WE FIND THE TWO LAW-MEN STANDING BEFORE THE MAMMOTH UNDER-GROUND VAULT...

A REGULAR BANK VAULT, BATMAN! INSTEAD OF SHIPPING THE STUFF THEY BOUGHT OVERSEAS, THEY INSTALLED IT IN THE BASEMENT OF THIS WAREHOUSE.

DRILL A HOLE FOR THE "SOUP", ROBIN! I'VE GOT THE FUSE HERE!

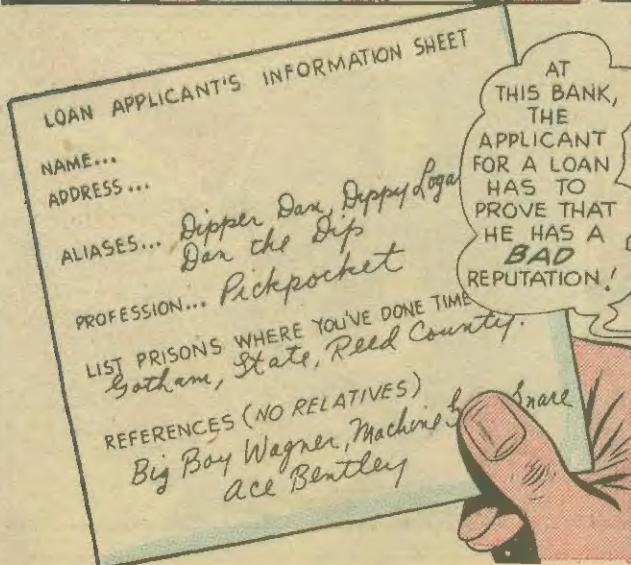


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FOLLOWING ALONG A NARROW CORRIDOR, THE DISGUISED **BATMAN** IS SHORTLY CONFRONTED BY ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING SIGHTS OF HIS CAREER...



ALERT TO MAINTAIN HIS DISGUISE, THE NEW "TELLER" FITS HIMSELF INTO THE BANK'S BIZARRE ROUTINE...

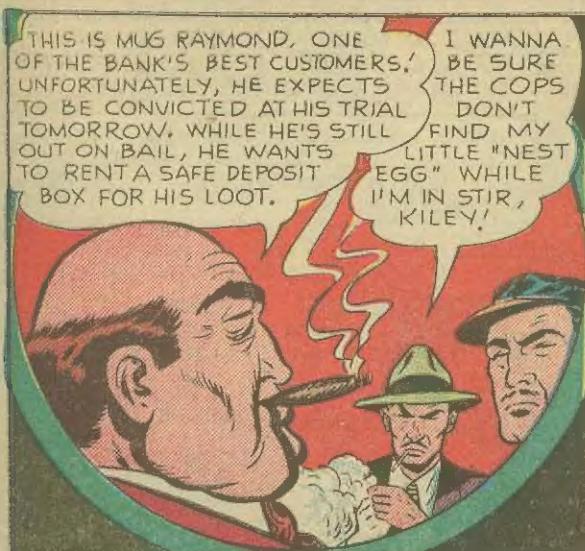
HERE'S MY CARD! ANOTHER AMAZING SEE HOW MUCH IS THING ABOUT THIS LEFT IN MY ACCOUNT BANK... IT CHARGES AFTER THE BANK THE CLIENT INTEREST TAKES ITS INTEREST INSTEAD OF PAYING FOR KEEPIN' MY DOUGH FOR ME!



MEANWHILE, IN THE VAULT BENEATH THE BANK'S MAIN FLOOR...



BUT AS ROBIN LEADS HIS CHARGE TOWARD THE VAULT'S MAMMOTH STEEL DOOR...



FOLLOWING THE UNDERWORLD BANK PRESIDENT FROM THE OFFICE...



WE KNOCKED OFF THE BURROUGHS PAYROLL, KILEY! WE'RE PLENTY HOT SO WE NEED SOME "COLD" CASH IN A HURRY!

WE'LL HAVE AN EXACT COUNT IN A MINUTE, MR. KILEY!



EXACTLY \$351,281, WE'LL LET IT "COOL OFF" IN OUR VAULTS FOR A FEW YEARS, BUT YOU CAN HAVE THE AMOUNT IN OTHER BILLS NOW, BLAKE... LESS THE BANK'S 50 PERCENT SERVICE FEE, OF COURSE! COME ON, DURSTIN! WE'LL GET THE CASH!



AFTER DESCENDING IN A TINY PRIVATE ELEVATOR, BANK PRESIDENT AND TELLER EMERGE IN A CAVE-LIKE ROOM...

THIS ARMORED CAR'S BEEN HERE SINCE THE TOWERS GANG HIJACKED IT IN '43. BY NOW, IT'LL BE SAFE TO USE SOME OF THE CURRENCY TAKEN IN THAT HEIST.

I REMEMBER THAT JOB. THE GANG WAS CAPTURED BUT NO MONEY RECOVERED. NO WONDER!



AND AT THIS VERY MOMENT, ONLY A FEW FEET AWAY...

THE AIR... I CAN HARDLY BREATHE... FORGOT THERE'S NO VENTILATION HERE... ALREADY WE'RE GASPING FOR AIR... WE'LL NEVER LAST TILL THE DOORS OPEN TOMORROW NIGHT. AND I'VE ENOUGH EXPLOSIVE TO BLAST US OUT BUT BATMAN HAS THE DETONATING FUSE!



MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF HIS YOUNG FRIEND'S DANGER, BATMAN CONTINUES HIS MASQUERADE...



PRESENTLY, WHEN HE IS UNOBSERVED,
BATMAN DOES SOME SPEEDY SLEUTHING...

SO KILEY KEEPS THE BANK'S RECORDS IN HIS OWN OFFICE WHERE THEY CAN BE INSTANTLY DESTROYED IN CASE OF A RAID! BUT THIS TINY CAMERA FROM MY *UTILITY BELT* IS RECORDING A *BIOGRAPHY OF BAD DEEDS* THAT WILL WRECK THE UNDERWORLD!



AND LATER, AS DAWN HERALDS THE START OF A WORKING DAY FOR THE REST OF GOTHAM CITY...

THE BANK'S ABOUT TO CLOSE FOR THE NIGHT! AND I'M IN CHARGE OF RECORDING THIS LOOT FROM THE BURROUGHS PAYROLL. HMM... THIS STUFF PLUS THE SHOTS OF THE RECORDS SHOULD MAKE INTERESTING EVIDENCE!



I WAS RIGHT! YOU'RE A FAKE! YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT A *REAL* BANK CLERK KEEPS HIS EYES ON THE FIGURES HE'S COPYING... HE DOESN'T HAVE TO LOOK AT THE ADDING MACHINE'S KEYBOARD!

DURSTIN IS PROBABLY AN EXPERT COMPTOMETER OPERATOR! I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT!



SECONDS LATER... A NARROW ESCAPE...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, DURSTIN? DID YOU WANT TO SEE ME?



NO... I... ER... LEFT MY PEN IN YOUR OFFICE WHEN YOU CALLED ME IN BEFORE, MR. KILEY.

HOPE I PUT THOSE BOOKS BACK SO HE WON'T SUSPECT ANYTHING!

MEANWHILE, THE SEEDS OF SUSPICION BEGIN TO GROW IN THE MIND OF THE UNDERWORLD BANK'S PRESIDENT...

HEY, CRUSHER! LET'S GO DOWN AND CHECK ON DURSTIN. HE'S ACTING MIGHTY STRANGE!

RIGHT, KILEY!



THESE ROLLS OF COINS MAY GIVE ME TIME TO SWITCH TO BATMAN!

I'M PUTTING YOU ON ROLLER BEARINGS, BIG BOY!



AT TOP SPEED, THE GARB OF BANK CLERK IS SHED TO REVEAL THE SCOURGE OF THE UNDERWORLD -- **BATMAN!**

IT'S **BATMAN!** HE'S BEEN STUDYING OUR ENTIRE OPERATION! HURRY, CRUSHER! HE MUST BE STOPPED!



NO HARM IN CLIPPING
BATMAN'S WINGS,
IS THERE?

SNAP



WHILE ABOVE...

YOUR APPEARANCE CAME AT A CONVENIENT TIME, **BATMAN.** ONE OF OUR BEST CLIENTS, BEETLE REEVES, JUST PHONED THAT HE'S FLYING TO MEXICO AND NEEDS SOME OF HIS CASH. I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE A WAY TO GET IT TO HIM WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION ...



DON'T SHOOT
HIM, CRUSHER!
I'VE GOT A JOB
FOR HIM
FIRST!

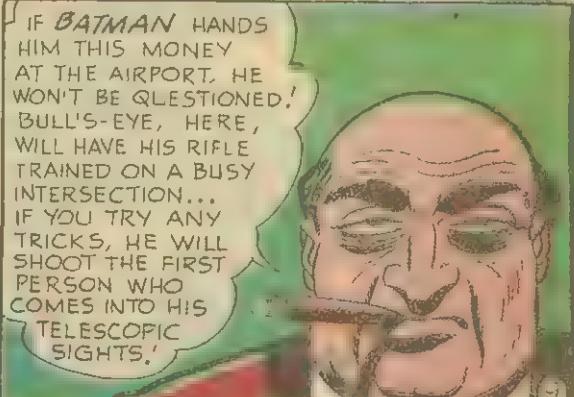


AND AS THE GREAT CRIME-CRUSHER HITS THE FLOOR WITH A SICKENING THUD, ANOTHER FEARSOME SCENE IS BEING ENACTED NEARBY...

AT LEAST... (PANT)
... WHEN I GO...
I'LL KNOW YOU'RE GOIN' WITH ME...
(PANT)... YOU BRAT!
CANT SPARE THE BREATH TO ANSWER...
I'VE SEARCHED EVERY STRONG BOX AND THERE'S
NOTHING IN ANY OF THEM
THAT WOULD DETONATE
THIS "SOUP"!... HOW...
CAN... I... ESCAPE...?



IF **BATMAN** HANDS HIM THIS MONEY AT THE AIRPORT, HE WON'T BE QUESTIONED!
BULL'S-EYE, HERE, WILL HAVE HIS RIFLE TRAINED ON A BUSY INTERSECTION...
IF YOU TRY ANY TRICKS, HE WILL SHOOT THE FIRST PERSON WHO COMES INTO HIS TELESCOPIC SIGHTS!



LATER, AT GOTHAM'S BUSY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT...

THERE'S BEETLE REEVES WAITING! IF THAT CROOK FOLLOWING ME DOESN'T REPORT THAT MY MISSION IS COMPLETE, BULL'S-EYE WILL KILL AN INNOCENT PERSON!

AH, THERE YOU ARE, BATMAN! THANK YOU FOR DELIVERING THIS... ER... IMPORTANT MATERIAL! (WHISPER) PRETTY CLEVER OF KILEY TO MAKE YOU DELIVER THE DOUGH... THE GUARDS ASK NO QUESTIONS. HA, HA!

I'LL JUST CHECK WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE THE AMOUNT'S CORRECT, REEVES!

ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST NOTORIOUS GANGSTERS... AND I HAD TO HELP HIM LEAVE THE COUNTRY, BUT I COULDN'T TAKE THE CHANCE OF FORFEITING AN INNOCENT LIFE!

SOON AFTER, BACK IN THE BANK...

GOOD! LEFTY! SEND WORD TO BULL'S-EYE TO GET BACK HERE FAST!

PRESENTLY...

AH... BULL'S-EYE IS BACK! NOW TO REWARD YOU FOR SERVICES WELL RENDERED, BATMAN! SINCE YOU KNOW OUR BANK'S SECRETS, I'M AFRAID THE REWARD WILL HAVE TO BE A BULLET... STRAIGHT TO THE HEART!

LINE HIM UP IN YOUR SIGHTS, BULL'S-EYE! WHEN I GIVE THE WORD DELIVER THE... ER... REWARD! HA, HA!

A QUARTER TO ELEVEN. IF I CAN STALL FOR 15 MINUTES, ROBIN WILL BE HERE WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON.

BUT LET US LOOK AT THE ONE PERSON UPON WHOM **BATMAN** IS COUNTING...THE PERSON UPON WHOM HIS VERY LIFE DEPENDS...

THE CROOK HAS FINALLY PASSED OUT... NO WONDER ... (PANT) ... HOT IN HERE... THIS THERMOSTAT CONTROL SHOWS A TEMPERATURE OF ALMOST 100 DEGREES -- I CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER...

AND YET, AT THIS VERY SECOND, THE **BOY WONDER** CAN SAVE HIMSELF! DO YOU KNOW HOW? WILL HE DISCOVER IN TIME?

KEEP HIM COVERED EVERY SECOND, BULL'S-EYE! AT THE SLIGHTEST FALSE MOVE, LET HIM HAVE IT!

STILL NINE MINUTES TO GO! NEVER KNEW TIME COULD PASS SO SLOWLY! HMM...THIS ADDING MACHINE! IT GOT ME INTO THIS SPOT, MAYBE IT CAN HELP ME OUT!

MEANWHILE, **BATMAN** GAMBLES FOR PRECIOUS MOMENTS OF LIFE...

AT LEAST, PERMIT ME TO WRITE A FAREWELL NOTE TO **ROBIN**, KILEY! YOU CAN CENSOR IT FOR ANY CLUE AS TO HOW I MET MY DEATH.

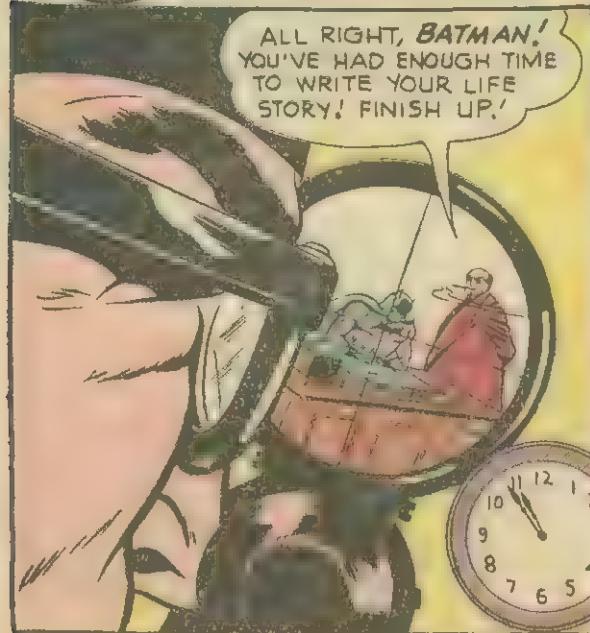
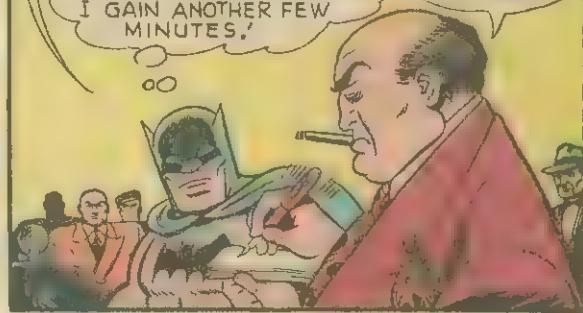
WELL... ER... OH, ALL RIGHT! THERE'S NO HARM IN THAT!



THIS PEN DOESN'T WRITE, KILEY! TRY IT YOURSELF!

I QUICKLY DIPPED THE POINT IN THE ADDING MACHINE'S OIL SUPPLY... THE FILM OF OIL PREVENTS THE INK FROM FLOWING AND I GAIN ANOTHER FEW MINUTES!

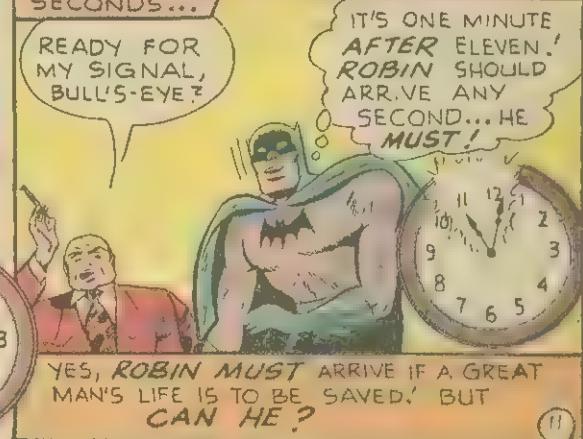
IF THIS IS A TRICK... YOU'RE RIGHT, I'LL GET YOU ANOTHER!



EVERY MINUTE SEEMS LIKE AN HOUR AS **BATMAN** SLOWLY RISES, DRAGGING EVERY MOVEMENT TO GAIN PRECIOUS SECONDS...

READY FOR MY SIGNAL, BULL'S-EYE?

IT'S ONE MINUTE AFTER ELEVEN! ROBIN SHOULD ARRIVE ANY SECOND... HE MUST!



YES, ROBIN MUST ARRIVE IF A GREAT MAN'S LIFE IS TO BE SAVED! BUT CAN HE?

THEN, AS THE WORDS OF DOOM ARE SPOKEN...

GO AHEAD,
BULL'S-EYE!
FIRE!

ROBIN!
YOU MADE
IT!

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SURPRISE
MOVE, THE REUNITED DUO SWEEPS INTO
ACTION...

OOOH!

I WANT TO
REPAY MY DEBT...
WITH INTEREST!

WE CAN'T CLOSE
THIS BANK WITHOUT
ACCOUNTING FOR
ALL THE ASSETS...

...INCLUDING
THE
PRESIDENT!

AFTER TURNING THE UNDERWORLD BANKING
FRATERNITY OVER TO THE POLICE, THE
DAKING DUO RETURNS TO THE BAT-CAVE
WHERE A HARROWING EXPERIENCE IS
RECOUNTED...

... SO I COULDN'T
USE THE NITROGLYCERIN
BECAUSE YOU HAD THE DETONATOR
FUSE... YET THE ANSWER WAS
RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME! THE
BEST DETONATOR IS MADE FROM
MERCURY AND ALCOHOL...
BOTH WERE IN THE THERMOSTAT
CONTROL ON THE WALL
INSIDE THE VAULT. I
REALIZED THIS JUST
IN TIME AND MADE
A FUSE WITH THOSE
MATERIALS AND
DURSTIN'S
SHOELACES!

BU T
WHAT
ABOUT
BEETLE
REEVES?
HE'LL NEVER
BE PICKED UP
IN CENTRAL
AMERICA!

HE WILL -- THE MOMENT HE
TRIES TO SPEND ANY OF
THE MONEY I GAVE HIM...
I HAD TAKEN SOME OF
THE "HOT" BILLS FROM THE
BURROUGHS PAYROLL JOB
AS EVIDENCE. SO I
SUBSTITUTED THEM FOR THE
MONEY IN THE BAG. EVERY
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NUMBERS OF THOSE
BILLS!

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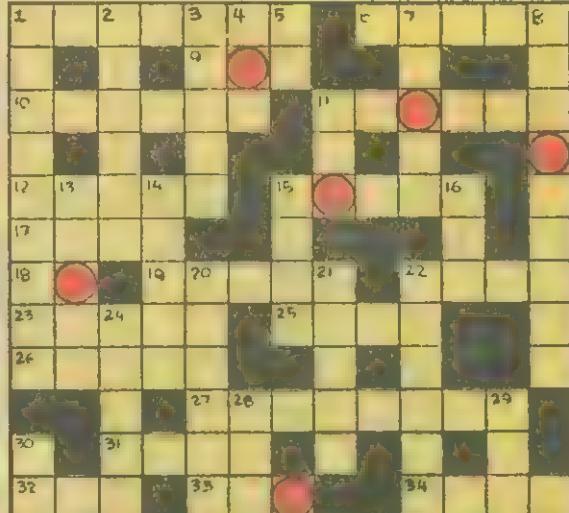
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 - 6 SPEAR HANDLE
 - 9 ASSIST
 - 10 HOLD BACK
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 - 15 IRE
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 - 18 PREPOSITION
 - 19 COWBOY SHOW
 - 22 EXTINCT BIRD
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ROBOTMAN

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING, ROBOTMAN?
THE CROOKS ARE HEADED THAT WAY!

REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO HUMPTY DUMPTY? ALL THE KING'S HORSES AND MEN COULDNT PUT HIM TOGETHER AGAIN! WELL, WHEN ROBOTMAN WAS DISASSEMBLED, HE THOUGHT HE WAS LUCKY THERE WAS SOMEONE AROUND TO PUT HIM TOGETHER... BUT THE METAL MARVEL CHANGED HIS MIND WHEN HE SAW THE RESULTS.. AND ONLY BY TRICKING A PAIR OF CROOKS INTO DESTROYING HIM, COULD HE UNDO THE DAMAGE WROUGHT BY...

"The Boy Who Re-made Robotman!"

HA, HA...
LOOKS LIKE
ROBOTMAN
LOST HIS SENSE
OF DIRECTION!

ONE MORNING, AS PAUL DENNIS TAKES A STROLL...

RADIO HEADQUARTERS,
REGAN! THAT'S THE PLANE
THOSE DIAMOND THIEVES,
LEFTY AND MUGGLES,
ARE USING FOR THEIR
GETAWAY!

AH--HERE'S A
CHANCE TO TRY
OUT THOSE NEW
JETS PROFESSOR
MELTON DESIGNED
FOR ME!

DUCKING OUT OF
SIGHT, PAUL QUICKLY
SHEDS HIS PLASTIC
HUMAN DISGUISE...

...AND STREAKS OUT AS
ROBOTMAN, THE METAL
MARVEL WITH THE
HUMAN BRAIN!

THEY'VE GOT A HEAD
START, BUT WITH THESE
NEW GADGETS, I
SHOULD CATCH
UP TO THEM!



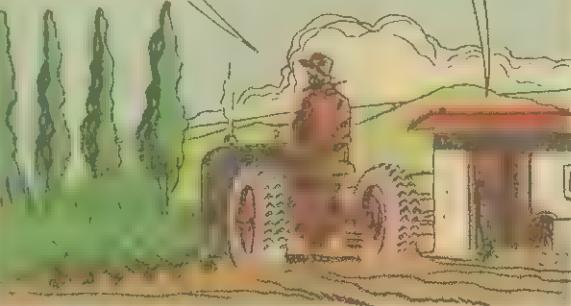
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ABOUT THAT TIME, IN AN OUTLYING FARM COMMUNITY...

WHAT IN THUNDERATION'S WRONG WITH THIS THRESHER, ZEKE? IT...IT'S GOIN' SIDEWAYS!

I...ER...DID IT, DAD? I THOUGHT I COULD IMPROVE IT IF I TOOK IT APART AND PUT IT TOGETHER AGAIN!



NOTHIN'S SAFE AROUND HERE! LAWN MOWERS... CLOCKS... MILKIN' MACHINE... YOU TAKE 'EM ALL APART! YOU AND YOUR INFERNAL TINKERIN'!

BUT, DAD... HOW WILL I EVER BE A GREAT SCIENTIST IF I DON'T EXPERIMENT?



YOU MIND YOUR CHORES, AND SAVE YOUR EXPERIMENTS FOR SCHOOL! NOW GO PICK UP A WAGONLOAD OF KINDLIN' WOOD, WHILE I GET RID O' THIS JUNK!

GOSH...NOTHIN' LEFT FOR ME TO TAKE APART! HOW'LL I EVER BECOME AN EDISON THIS WAY?



MEANWHILE, FLYING OVER THAT VERY AREA...

HEY, MUGGLES--LOOK! ROBOTMAN--JET PROPELLED!

QUICK--BAIL OUT AND LEAVE THE DIAMONDS IN THE PLANE! HE'LL HAVE TO GO FOR THE LOOT, WHILE WE'RE MAKING OUR ESCAPE!



MOMENTS LATER...

OH, OH... I WAS AFRAID THEY'D TRY THAT! THEY KNOW I WON'T LET A HALF MILLION IN DIAMONDS FLY AIMLESSLY OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE!

THE DIAMONDS OR US, ROBOTMAN... TAKE YOUR CHOICE!



BUT JUST AS ROBOTMAN RESCUES THE LOOT, FATE STEPS IN TO CHANGE THE PICTURE...

HEY--LOOK! HE'S BEEN HIT BY A BOLT OF HEAT LIGHTNING!

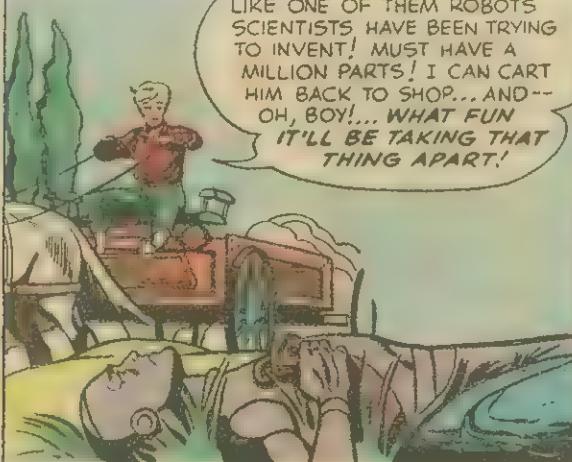
YAHOO! NOBODY COULD LIVE THROUGH THAT! THEM SPARKLERS MAY BE OURS YET!



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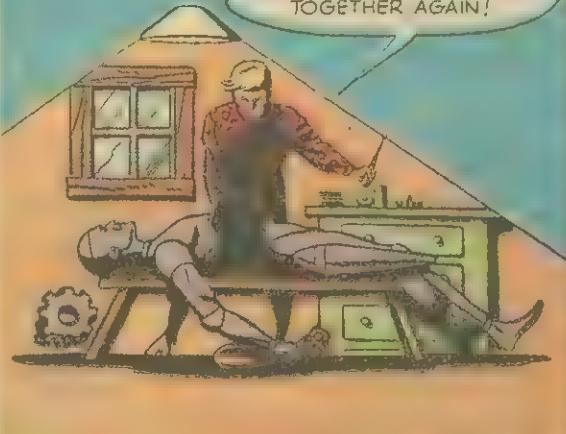
SOON AFTER, AS THE MAN OF METAL LIES IMMOBILE ON THE GROUND...

GEE...THAT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THEM ROBOTS SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO INVENT! MUST HAVE A MILLION PARTS! I CAN CART HIM BACK TO SHOP...AND-- OH, BOY!...WHAT FUN IT'LL BE TAKING THAT THING APART!



PRESENTLY...

SURE A LOT OF COMPLICATED GADGETS! LAND O' GOSHEN -- MAYBE I CAN MAKE IT MOVE WHEN I PUT THOSE PARTS TOGETHER AGAIN!



BUT THE AMBITIOUS LAD'S DREAMS ARE ABRUPTLY TERMINATED WHEN...

WHAT? TINKERIN' AGAIN? I'LL TEACH YOU TO DIS-OBEY ME! YOU CAN KEEP THAT OLD SUIT OF ARMOR... BUT THESE WHEELS AND THINGS -- I'M THROWIN' 'EM AWAY!

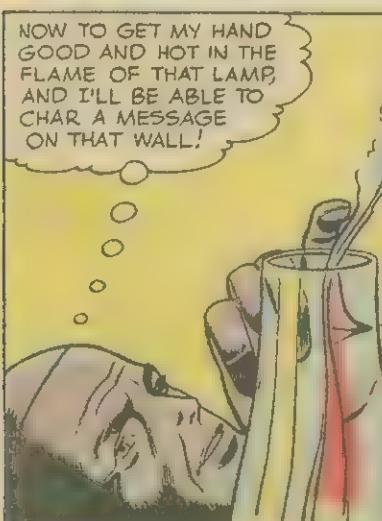


LATER, AS ROBOTMAN'S BRAIN AWAKENS FROM A DEEP STUPOR...

THAT LIGHTNING...KNOCKED ME COLD! WH-WHAT'S HAPPENED? MY PARTS--DISCONNECTED... CAN'T MOVE...ONLY THIS HAND WITH THE DIAMONDS IN IT! MIGHT GET A MESSAGE THROUGH... FIRST, HAVE TO PUT DIAMONDS ON TABLE...



NOW TO GET MY HAND GOOD AND HOT IN THE FLAME OF THAT LAMP, AND I'LL BE ABLE TO CHAR A MESSAGE ON THAT WALL!



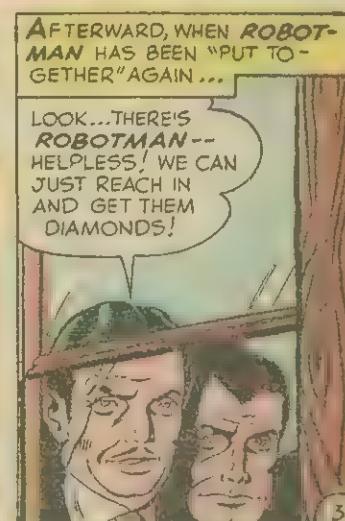
SOON...

ROBOTMAN! GOSH... I REMEMBER! I READ ABOUT YOU ONCE! DAD THREW HALF YOUR INNARDS AWAY... BUT I BET I CAN MAKE YOU WORK AGAIN!



AFTERWARD, WHEN ROBOTMAN HAS BEEN "PUT TO-GETHER" AGAIN...

LOOK...THERE'S ROBOTMAN-- HELPLESS! WE CAN JUST REACH IN AND GET THEM DIAMONDS!





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AS THE WINDOW OPENS, THE METAL MARVEL THINKS QUICKLY... BUT WITH UNEXPECTED RESULTS...

THAT CROOK! CAN'T MOVE MY LEGS YET... BUT I CAN GRAB THAT ROD, AND PIN THOSE DIAMONDS TO THE TABLE!

HEY--LISTEN! ROBOTMAN'S THINKING OUT LOUD! HE JUST GAVE AWAY HIS SCHEME TO STOP US! QUICK--THAT RAKE!

WHILE I COVER THE POUCH WITH THIS RAKE, YOU CAN RAKE IN THE LOOT!
HA, HA!

HUH? THAT KID HOOKED MY VOCAL MECHANISM DIRECTLY TO MY BRAIN! WHENEVER I THINK, I THINK OUT LOUD!

SO LONG, ROBOTMAN. THANKS FOR THE HELP!

I...I CAN RE-WIRE YOUR VOICE BOX...BUT WITH SO MANY PARTS MISSING, IT'LL TAKE A HALF HOUR!

NEVER MIND! JUST HOOK UP MY LEGS, AND LET ME GET AFTER THEM!

BUT AS ROBOTMAN STEPS THROUGH THE DOOR...

AAAHH... NOW THAT I CAN MOVE MY LEGS, I'LL... WH- WHAT? I... I'M FLYING!

HA, HA... GIVE MY REGARDS TO THE MOON, ROBOTMAN! THAT KID IS A GENIUS!

GULP! HE--HE MIGHT HAVE HOOKED MY LEGS AND THE JET TUBES ON THE SAME CIRCUIT! NOW, IF I MOVE MY LEGS, I FLY!

NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE SO MUCH FUN PLAYING LEAP FROG WITH ROBOTMAN!

CUT THE KIDDING, AND LET'S HEAD TOWARD THE CAVE!

AWHILE LATER, INSIDE A CAVE...

HE'LL NEVER GET US IN HERE! IF HE TRIES TO WALK, HE'LL LEAP OVER THE ENTRANCE... AND EVEN IF HE THINKS UP A PLAN, WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT HE'S THINKING! YEH--WE'LL SCRAM LATER... WHEN IT'S DARK!

MEANWHILE...

I CAN WATCH THEM FROM HERE, AND THIS WATERFALL WILL DROWN OUT THE SOUND OF MY THOUGHTS! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY FOR ME TO GET THEM... AND THAT'S TO DRILL DOWN FROM ABOVE!



SOON, ATOP THE CAVE...

CAN'T USE MY LEGS... I'D JUST FLY UP INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER! ONCE I'M IN, I'LL BLOCK THE ENTRANCE, AND STARVE THEM INTO SURRENDER!



BUT THE CROOKS HAVE A PLAN OF THEIR OWN...

WE CAN'T MAKE A BREAK FOR IT NOW... HE'S WISE TO THE FACT HE CAN'T USE HIS LEGS -- SO HE CAN ALWAYS THROW SOMETHING AND CATCH US! BUT I GOT A PLAN THAT'LL FIX HIM FOR GOOD, ONCE HE LANDS IN HERE!



THE ROCK-LINED ROOF IS FINALLY GROUND TO POWDERY FRAGMENTS, AND...

NOW I'VE GOT THEM CORNERED!



THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK ROBOTMAN!

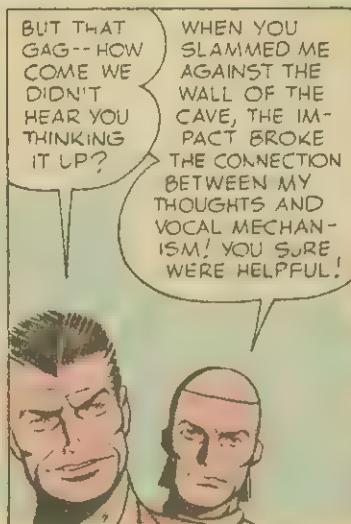
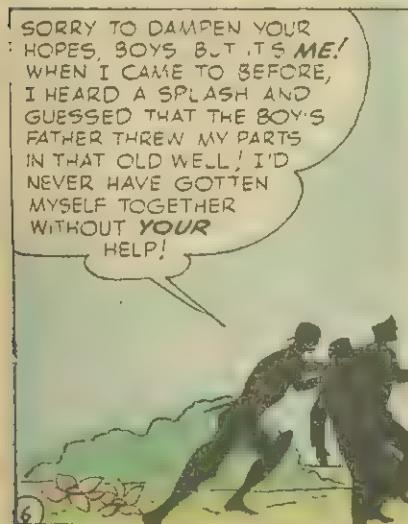
WH-WHAT? I...I'M SHOOTING FORWARD AT FULL SPEED! MUST BREAK THE IMPACT WHEN I CRASH INTO THAT WALL!



THERE! HE'S A HELPLESS JUNK HEAP NOW!

SURE WAS CLEVER OF YOU... WAITING BEHIND HIM AND THEN PUSHING HIS LEGS, KNOWING THEY WOULD START OPERATING THE JET TUBES AND CRASH HIM INTO THAT WALL!





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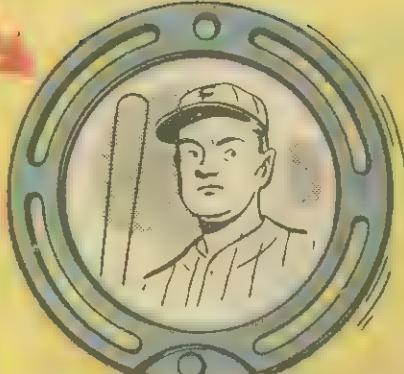
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GREETINGS, TV VIEWERS... THAT HAUNTING MELODY YOU'VE JUST HEARD IS MY THEME SONG. THIS IS THE GHOST OF "CHILLS" CHADWICK SIGNING OFF. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK... SAME TIME... SAME STATION!

IT MUST BE A HOAX-- BUT I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING AND JUST CAN'T PROVE IT!

YOU'VE HEARD OF GHOSTS HAUNTING LONELY CASTLES AND OTHER DESOLATE PLACES... BUT HOW ABOUT A **REAL**, LIVE GHOST ON A TV SHOW? IMPOSSIBLE, YOU SAY? SO THOUGHT ROY RAYMOND UNTIL HIS UNWELCOME GUEST BEGAN TO HAUNT THE AIR WAVES, AND THEN IT SEEMED AS THOUGH ROY COULD NEVER SPIRIT THE SPECTRE AWAY FROM THE SPOTLIGHT... WE CHALLENGE YOU TO GUESS THE SECRET OF A MODERN PHANTOM THAT COULD WALK THROUGH STEEL AND STONE IN THE UNCANNY ADVENTURE KNOWN AS...

"THE GHOST OF STATION WBT!"

ONE MORNING, IN THE OFFICE OF ROY RAYMOND, PRODUCER OF "IMPOSSIBLE BUT TRUE."

MORNING, ROY! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D TAKEN UP PAINTING IN YOUR LEISURE TIME!

WHAT LEISURE TIME? THESE ARE SKETCHES BY JACK DESMOND FOR NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM... TALES OF SHIPS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE--BUT TRUE!

I'M DISAPPOINTED. YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING KIND OF PALE LATELY. YOU SURE COULD USE A HOBBY--ESPECIALLY IF IT MEANS MORE SUN AND REST!

TRUE--BUT IMPOSSIBLE! I'M OVER MY EARS IN WORK. LET'S START ON NEXT WEEK'S ROUTINE NOW!



DETECTIVE COMICS

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HERE'S AN INTERESTING ONE -- THE MYSTERY SHIP OF MODOC DESERT -- STRANDED HIGH AND DRY IN SHIFTING SANDS, MILES FROM ANY BODY OF WATER!



MANY YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A LAKE ON THAT SPOT. IT DRIED UP AND THE TIMBERS OF THE VESSEL WERE PRESERVED BY THE SEASONING OF THE WINDS!

FASCINATING -- BUT I'M MORE INTERESTED IN TONIGHT'S GUEST -- PROFESSOR MORA NE -- THE MAN WHO MEMORIZED THE ENCYCLOPEDIA AND BECAME A WALKING REFERENCE LIBRARY!



HOWEVER, THAT NIGHT, JUST AS ROY GOES ON THE AIR...

ROY -- THIS TELEGRAM! PROFESSOR MORANE WAS JUST KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT!

HOW HORRIBLE! SEND MY SYMPATHIES TO HIS FAMILY -- AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND A SUBSTITUTE FROM THE FILES!

BUT

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SUDDENLY... AS ROY EXPLAINS... A SPECTRAL VOICE ECHOES THROUGH THE ROOM...

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT I MUST... WH-WHAT?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK FOR A SUBSTITUTE, ROY RAYMOND. I'LL BE YOUR GUEST!



T. IT'S "CHILLIS" CHATWICK... THE KILLER!

YOU MEAN HIS GHOST! HE WAS EXECUTED SIX MONTHS AGO AT FARNSWORTH PENITENTIARY!

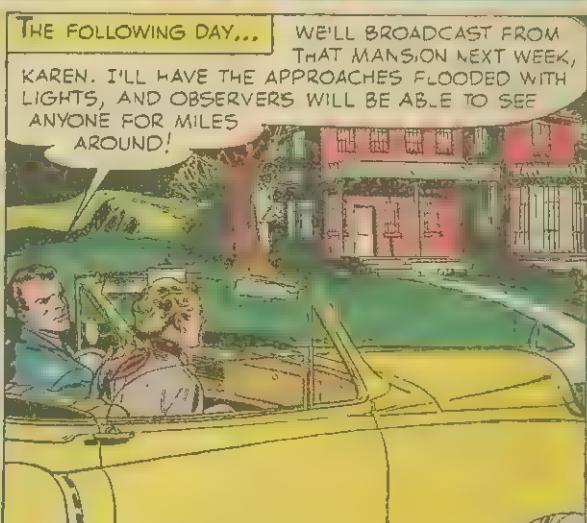
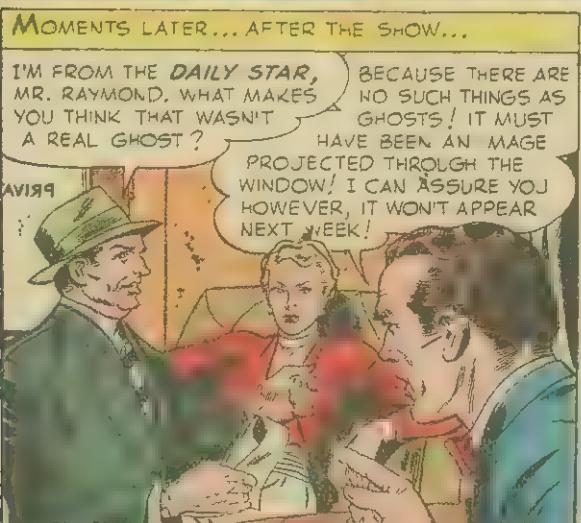
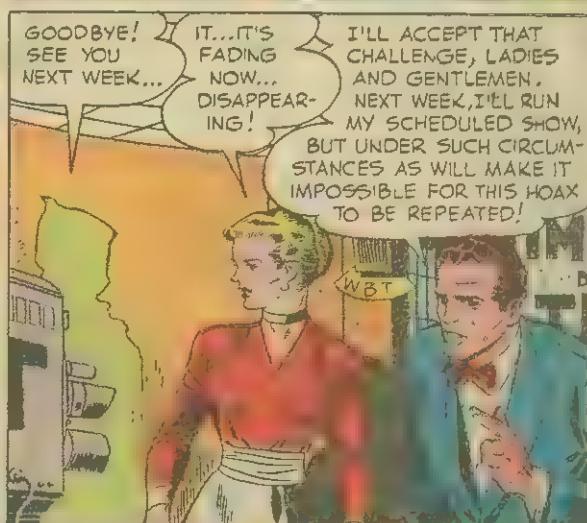
MY HAND -- IT GOES RIGHT THROUGH HIM!



DON'T BE ALARMED, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! PEOPLE HAVE TRIED HOAXES ON THIS PROGRAM BEFORE -- AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THIS IS JIST ANOTHER!

AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT, FOR ONCE, MR. RAYMOND IS WRONG! WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE TAKE A SHOT AT ME? HOAXES AREN'T BULLET-PROOF!





INSIDE THE MANSION...

THIS ROOM IS BEING THOROUGHLY CLEANED AND EMPTIED OF ITS CONTENTS. AFTER WE LEAVE, AN ARMED GUARD WILL BE POSTED AT THE DOOR UNTIL WE GO ON THE AIR!

HMM... HAD YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAP DOORS?

YES-- AND ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF SOMEONE'S PROJECTING A PICTURE THROUGH EVEN THE SMALLEST APERTURE. I'M GOING TO HAVE PLATES OF STEEL SHEETING MADE AT THE STUDIO THAT WILL COMPLETELY COVER THE WALLS, CEILING AND FLOOR. THEY'LL BE INSTALLED IN A FEW DAYS.



THE ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT, AND SOME DAYS LATER, BEFORE THE SHOW...

NOBODY'S BEEN HERE SINCE YOU LEFT, MR. RAYMOND-- EXCEPT THE WORKMEN WHO INSTALLED THAT STEEL... AND I WATCHED EVERY MOVE THEY MADE!

GOOD! KAREN'S BEEN TAKING LESSONS IN CAMERA TECHNIQUE, AND SHE'LL HANDLE THE TELECAST. ONLY THE TWO OF US WILL BE INSIDE!



INSIDE...

BRRRR! I KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE SPOOK TO APPEAR-- AND THAT'S JUST WHAT SCARES ME! WHAT HAPPENS IF HE SHOWS UP DESPITE ALL OUR PRECAUTIONS?

HE JUST CAN'T, KAREN. THE ROOM IS THOROUGHLY GHOST-PROOFED! NOT A RAY OF LIGHT OR A GRAIN OF DUST CAN GET IN. LET'S GET ON WITH THE SHOW!

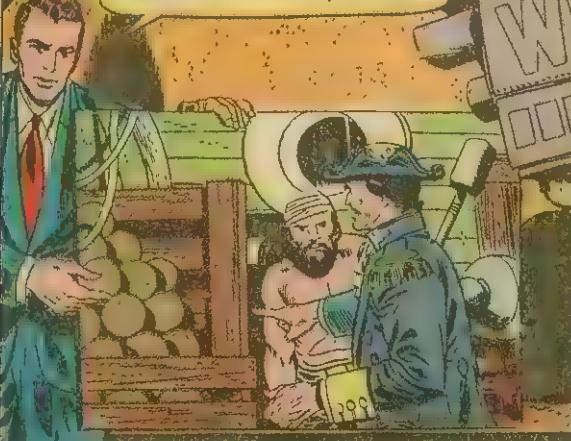


MOMENTS LATER, AS ROY SPEAKS TO HIS UNSEEN AUDIENCE...

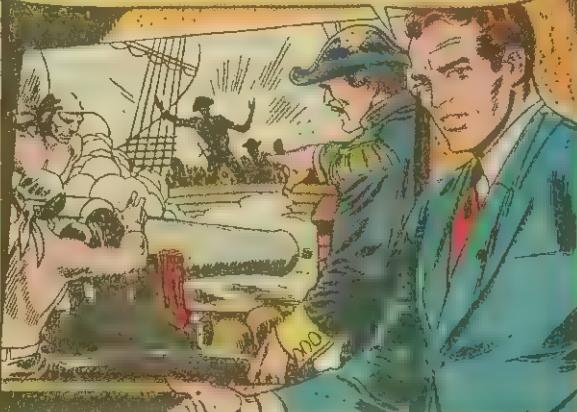
I KNOW YOU FOLKS ARE MORE INTERESTED IN WHAT WON'T APPEAR TONIGHT-- BUT WHY WASTE TIME WAITING FOR A GUEST WHO CAN'T SHOW UP? WELL START THIS PROGRAM WITH THE STORY OF A SHIP THAT WON A BATTLE WITH CHEESE!



IN 1854, CAPTAIN COE HAD RUN OUT OF CANNON BALLS, AND IN DESPERATION DECIDED TO USE HIS CARGO OF DUTCH CHEESES. HE LOADED HIS CANNON WITH THEM, AND...



...THE VOLLEY EXPLODED AMIDST THE ENEMY! THE CHEESE SPLINTERED INTO FRAGMENTS, AND CAUSED SO MANY CASUALTIES THAT THEY FLED. COE HAD BEEN CHEATED... THE CHEESE WAS STALE AND HARD... BUT HE SURE GOT HIS MONEY'S WORTH!



NEXT ON OUR PROGRAM IS... WH-WHAT?

ME! I'M NEXT ON THE PROGRAM... MAKING MY SCHEDULED APPEARANCE! DO YOU BELIEVE IN GHOSTS NOW, MR. RAYMOND?



NOW I WILL EXPLAIN WHY I AM REVISITING THE WORLD OF THE LIVING IN THE GARMENTS OF THE DEAD. MY SPIRIT IS FORCED TO WANDER ON EARTH UNTIL I MAKE GOOD TO THOSE I ROBBED WHILE ALIVE!

NO, KAREN. I WANT TO WATCH HIM... CLOSELY!



BEFORE I WAS ARRESTED, I HID ALL THE MONEY I HAD STOLEN! I WILL APPEAR BEFORE MY VICTIMS SOON AND LEAD THEM TO WHAT IS JUSTLY THEIRS.

ROY---H-HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS? IT CAN'T BE A HOAX IF HE'S RETURNING MONEY!

IT--IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF TRICK!

THAT NIGHT, AT THE HOME OF ONE ALBERT J. WINTERS...

ALBERT J. WINTERS... THE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS I STOLE FROM YOU WILL BE RETURNED TOMORROW. MEET ME AT THE ENTRANCE TO WILLOW PARK... AT EIGHT O'CLOCK!

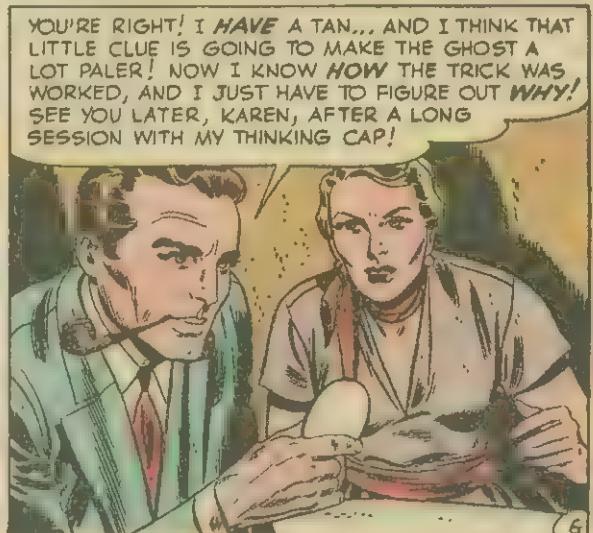
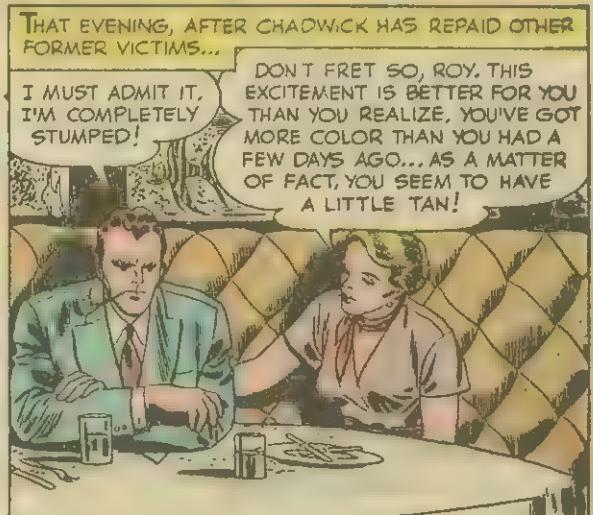
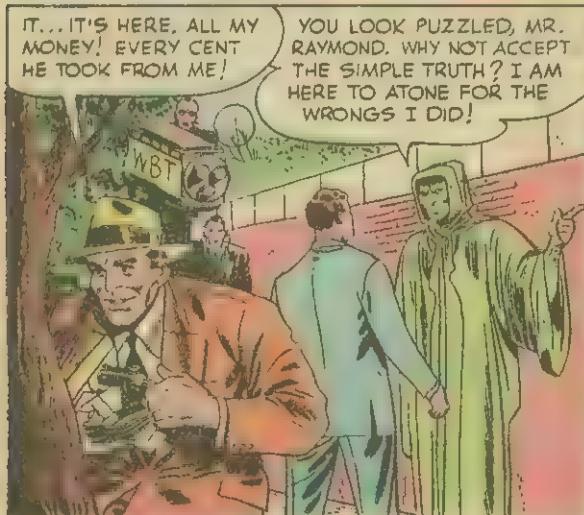


AND AT THE STUDIO OF WBT, WHERE ROY IS BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL...

I JUST HEARD FROM ALBERT WINTERS... THE GHOST IS RETURNING \$50,000 TO HIM TOMORROW. I WANT THE EVENT COVERED WITH AN ON-THE-SPOT TELECAST!

FINE, CHIEF! I WON'T REST TILL I FIND OUT WHAT'S BEHIND THIS!



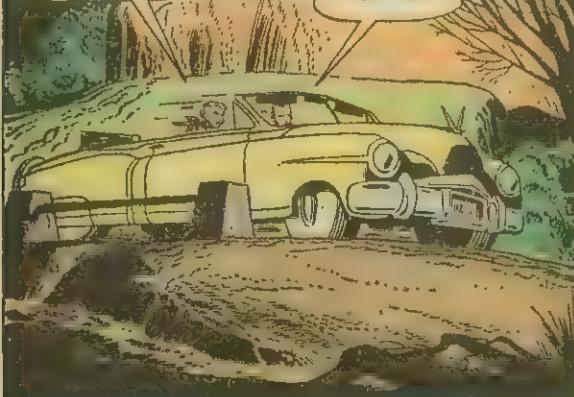


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LATER...

WELL, DID YOUR THINKING CAP DO ANY GOOD?

IT DID, KAREN! THE NEXT TIME THAT GHOST PAYS OFF, I'LL BE THERE WITH A PAY-OFF, TOO! LET'S SEE IF THE CHIEF HAS ANY NEWS FOR US.



AT THE OFFICES OF WBT

WE'VE RECEIVED WORD THAT THE GHOST INTENDS TO RETURN SOME MONEY TO AN EDGAR HAMILTON, AT THE WILTON MEMORIAL TOMORROW NIGHT AT EIGHT!

THANKS, CHEF. THIS LOOKS LIKE THE END OF THE GHOST TRAIL. LET'S GO, KAREN. WE'VE GOT LOTS OF WORK TO DO.



NEXT EVENING AT EIGHT, THE GHOST PUTS IN A PUNCTUAL APPEARANCE!

EDGAR HAMILTON, YOUR MONEY IS HIDDEN IN THE SECOND STEP LEADING UP TO THE MONUMENT! THE STEP HAS A FALSE TOP!

WHERE'S ROY, KAREN?
HE'LL BE HERE LATER, EDWARDS!

TH-THANKS, CHILLS!



IT... IT'S HERE... ALL OF IT! THE GHOST WAS RIGHT!

I AM ALWAYS RIGHT!



SUDDENLY, ANOTHER GHOST APPEARS... THE GHOST OF ROY RAYMOND...

NOT THIS TIME! ARREST HAMILTON, OFFICERS!

WH- WHAT? ANOTHER GHOST!

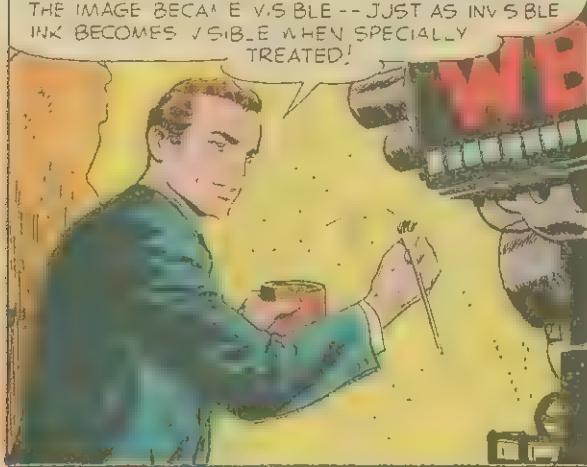


AS HIDDEN POLICE SURROUND THE AREA...

QUITE A GHASTLY MEETING, EH, EDWARDS? BUT YOU KNOW HOW I DID IT--THE SAME WAY YOU MADE THE GHOST OF CHADWICK APPEAR! HOLD HIM, OFFICERS--WHILE I EXPLAIN THIS DOUBLE FEATURE TO MY TV AUDIENCE!



EDWARDS USED CHEMICALS AS I AM DOING, TO PAINT AN INVISIBLE IMAGE OF A "GHOST" ON A WALL. WHEN EXPOSED TO ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT, THE IMAGE BECAME VISIBLE -- JUST AS INVISIBLE INK BECOMES VISIBLE WHEN SPECIALLY TREATED!



SINCE HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE LIGHTS, IT WAS EASY FOR HIM TO SLIP AN ULTRA-VIOLET FILTER ON IN PLACE OF THE REGULAR ONE, SO THAT THE GHOST WOULD APPEAR WHETHER EDWARDS WAS PRESENT OR NOT. MY SUN-TAN FROM FREQUENT EXPOSURE TO THAT ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT GAVE ME THE VITAL CLUE!



HIDDEN IN THE BASE OF THE LAMP WAS THIS RECORDING DEVICE TIMED TO GO OFF WITH THE APPEARANCE OF THE GHOST!

YOUR MONEY IS HIDDEN IN THE SECOND STEP...



WE CHECKED THIS MONEY, AND FOUND JUST WHAT YOU EXPECTED-- SOME OF IT WAS PRINTED AFTER CHADWICK'S LAST ROBBERY!

THEN IT'S NOT MONEY STOLEN BY

CHADWICK! IT MUST BE THEIR OWN MONEY! WHY SHOULD THEY HAVE GONE TO ALL THIS TROUBLE TO PRETEND A GHOST GAVE IT TO THEM?



FOR ONLY ONE REASON! THEY MUST HAVE STOLEN IT THEMSELVES. THE GHOST WOULD GIVE THEM A PERFECT ALIBI FOR OBTAINING AND SPENDING LARGE SUMS THEY COULDN'T OTHERWISE ACCOUNT FOR!

THAT'S THAT, ALL RIGHT! THEY'VE ALL GOT CRIMINAL RECORDS...



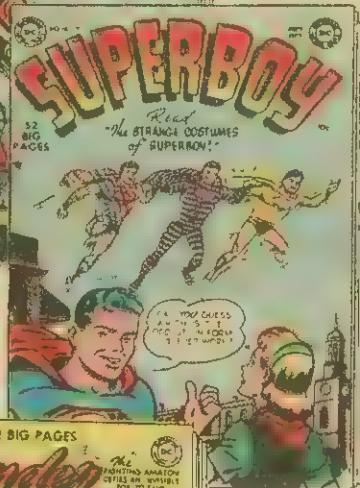
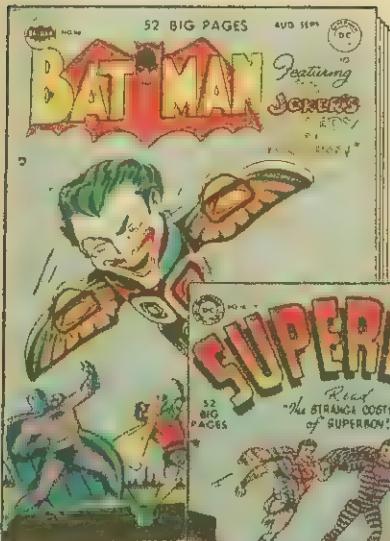
...AND IT SHOULD BE A CINCH WITH THE NUMBERS ON THESE BILLS TO FIND OUT WHERE THE MONEY REALLY CAME FROM!

COME ALONG, YOU. I'VE GOT A NICE JAIL FOR YOU TO HAUNT!

AND IMPOSSIBLE OR NOT, I'M TAKING YOU TO THE BEACH TOMORROW, WHERE YOU CAN GET A REAL SUN-TAN AND A GOOD REST!



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says: "OLD FOLKS ARE PEOPLE, TOO!"

COME ON, HANK. WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO PITCH TODAY!

BUT GOSH, BUZZY, MY MOTHER HAD TO GO OUT AND I DON'T FEEL RIGHT LEAVING GRANDPOP HERE ALONE. HE'S JUST MOVED IN WITH US--AND WELL, YOU KNOW HOW OLD FOLKS ARE...

YOU JUST RUN ALONG, HANK, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'M NOT EXACTLY HELPLESS, OLD AS I AM!

GOLLY--I DIDN'T MEAN--YOU'RE SURE--GOSH, THAT'S SWELL, GRAMPS! THANKS A LOT!

LATER...

WELL, WE'RE ALL SET TO PLAY--BUT MR. SLADE JUST SENT WORD HE CAN'T UMPIRE THE GAME! I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO GET ONE OF THE SPECTATORS.

SAY--I SEE JUST THE RIGHT PERSON. WAIT A MINUTE!

GRANDPOP!

SURE, HE DECIDED TO COME DOWN TO WATCH THE GAME--AND HE'S AGREED TO BE THE UMP!

BUT--BUT--
GRANDPOP--HE--
WELL--ER--

I USED TO PLAY BASEBALL,
HANK, AND I'M STILL A
BASEBALL FAN! COME
ON -- **PLAY BALL!**

TROUBLE WITH YOU, HANK-- AND
WITH MOST OF US -- IS THAT WE
DON'T FIGURE OLD FOLKS ARE
REGULAR PEOPLE, TOO!

POLICE AUTHORITIES DIDN'T KNOW THEIR NAMES...THEY JUST CALLED THEM "THE WILD BUNCH." BUT IN THE EARLY 1900'S, THEY WERE CONSIDERED THE MOST DESPERATE OUTLAWS IN THE COUNTRY SINCE JESSE JAMES! EVERY POLICE AGENCY SOUGHT THEM, BUT IT TOOK A WILY WELLS FARGO DETECTIVE TO BRING ABOUT...

"The Taming of the WILD BUNCH!"

AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF A SOUTHERN STATE...

YOU SAY, MARSHAL, THAT THE WILD BUNCH IS PLANNING TO SPLIT UP? BUT IF THEY DO THAT, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CATCH THEM!

THAT'S WHY I'M HERE, GOVERNOR! WASHINGTON IS ASKING ALL STATES TO ALERT THEIR POLICE TO TRY TO OBTAIN DESCRIPTIONS OF THE OUTLAWS BEFORE THEY DO SPLIT UP!

HOW MANY ARE THERE IN THE WILD BUNCH?

WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE?

THERE ARE FIVE OF THEM... BUT THEY NEVER TOOK ANY PICTURES SO WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE! HERE'S A DESCRIPTION OF ONE OF THEM — THE SUNDANCE KID — WHICH IS ALL WE HAVE!

WELL, MARSHAL, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO CO-OPERATE IF THEY ENTER MY STATE!

THANKS, GOVERNOR... THE LAST TIP WE GOT WAS THAT THEY WERE HEADED SOUTH! TELL YOUR MEN TO WATCH FOR 'EM!

BUT THE WILD BUNCH EVADED THE POLICE OF FIVE STATES THEN. ON MAY 18, FIVE FLASHILY DRESSED YOUNG MEN STROLLED DOWN THE MAIN STREET OF FORT WORTH TEXAS...

BOYS, WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A RIP-ROARIN' CELEBRATION?

SECOND THE MOTION, HARRY... AFTER ALL, THIS IS PROBABLY THE LAST TIME WE'LL SEE ONE ANOTHER!

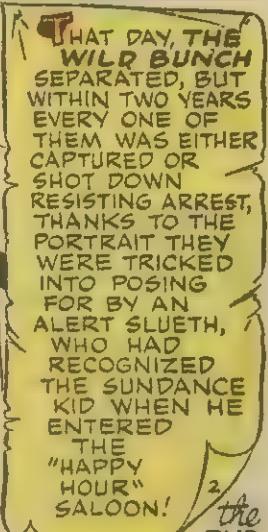
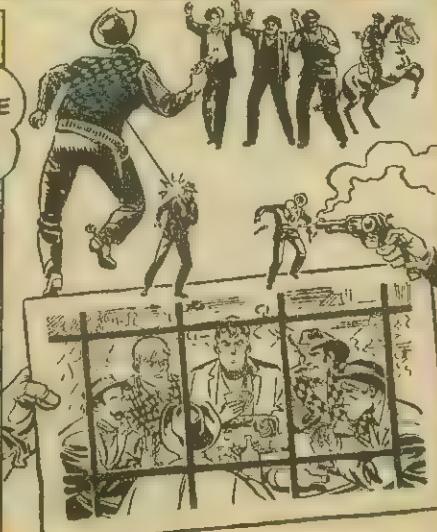
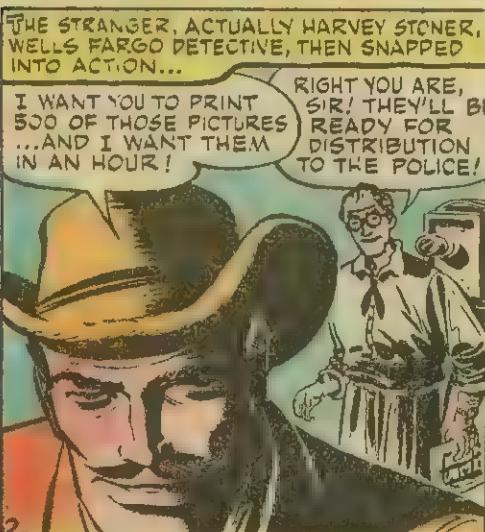
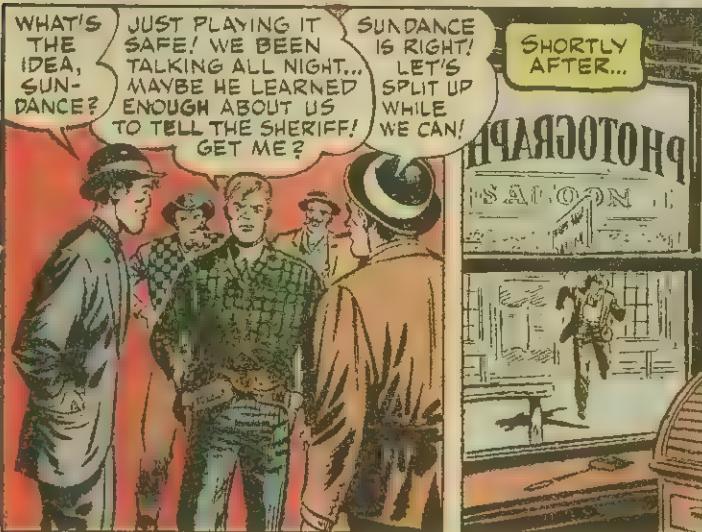
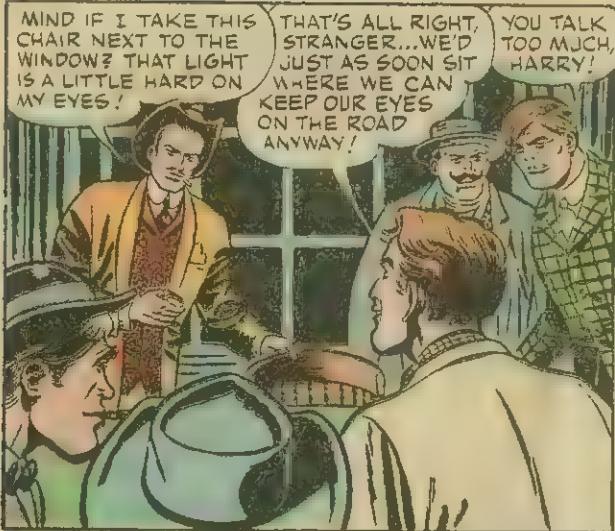
YOU GALOOTS TALK TOO MUCH!

HAPPY HOUR SALOON

YOU BOYS IN THE MOOD FOR A LITTLE GAME?

EVEN IF WE ARE, THAT DON'T MEAN YOU'RE INVITED!

DON'T BE LIKE THAT, SUNDANCE! THE STRANGER JEST WANTS TO BE SOCIALE-LIKE, THAT'S ALL! HAVE A SEAT, STRANGER!





OUR FOOTSORE NATION

ALTHOUGH America is turning into a nation of sitters and riders, with the automobile assuming the functions that nature meant human feet to perform, the expression "Oh, my aching feet" is fast becoming a national lament.

Pounding sidewalks, climbing up and down stairs, walking on hardwood floors, squeezing feet into too-small or ill-fitting shoes and wobbling along on too-high heels, allowing feet to get hot, perspiration-laden or just plain sore, subjects feet to severe punishment.

The number of persons suffering from foot ailments has DOUBLED in the past 30 years. A study of the U. S. Public Health Service disclosed that more than 80% of the American people suffer from foot ailments at one time or another; according to the Gallup Poll, one-third of the adult population grumbles about aching feet.

Defective feet ranked sixth among reasons for rejection for military service in World War II! Examinations of several hundreds of thousands of children in the New York City school system revealed that three out of four suffered from minor or major foot ills, many of them caused by the wearing of improper footwear.

Next time you accuse your feet of killing you, stop and consider if you aren't killing

them. Your feet are intricate pieces of machinery containing 52 bones, one-fourth of all you possess, 38 muscles, 214 ligaments and the highest concentration of sweat glands and tiny blood vessels in the entire body.

The average day's walking adds up to thousands of jolts on the soles of the feet, yet many women insist on doing their household chores clad in an old pair of high-heeled pumps or in floppy slippers. There is no better way of mutilating feet and indirectly injuring many other parts of the body. Foot health is intimately related to general well-being. A painful corn may cause a person to alter his natural posture so radically as to invite strains on muscles and nerve systems far removed from the feet.

Clinical experiences have established beyond doubt that most foot ailments—callouses, corns, bunions, ingrown toe nails, fungus infections and hammer toes, to mention a few—have medical histories that go back to the person's youth.

The overwhelming majority of all people are born with strong, healthy feet, but improper foot hygiene and ill-fitting footwear soon takes its toll and responsibility rests squarely with parents.

The human body continues to grow for the first 20 years of existence. The first foot covering should be made to fit just as correctly

as in later years. When walking begins, teaching good walking habits is a must. Tendencies to toe out should be discouraged. Instead, the child must be taught to place one foot before the other in a straight line.

From the very beginning, it is very important that the toddler have shoes that fit his feet and that give him, at the same time, both freedom and firm support.

Up to the age of six, children, in general, outgrow shoes before they outwear them. This is a heavy strain on many a family budget but nature cannot be denied. In buying shoes for children it pays to take time and effort even if Junior fidgets and wants to get out of the store. X-ray fitting does not solve the problem. Children's foot bones are not yet ossified and are not always visible under X-ray.

The foot of the pre-school child is very flexible. Shoes that are heavy in wear sometimes weaken the spring of the foot and destroy its suppleness. The heel section of the shoe should hold the foot firmly, but from the instep to the toe, the shoe has to be as flexible as possible. Light shoes should be worn indoors.

In getting shoes for the school child, there are many points for mothers to remember. There should be at least three-quarters of an inch to allow the toes freedom to move about and expand as they grow. Measurements should be made in a standing position, to insure maximum spread (some feet are almost a size longer when the full weight of the body is placed on them!). Make sure the shoes are wide enough, too. Too narrow a shoe will lead to corns and bunions; too wide a shoe induces blisters and corns from the constant rubbing up and down on the foot.

What can be done to put the feet of grown-ups back on a sound footing? The first step is obvious: wear accurately-fitting shoes. Buy

shoes toward the end of the day, since many people have feet which tend to swell during the course of a busy day. Be sure to have both feet measured standing up, since most persons have feet of unequal sizes.

Don't keep a "best pair" of shoes for special occasions. Wearing two pairs on alternate days is good for the feet and health, and gives the shoes a rest. The leather of the soles, because it is a natural product, absorbs perspiration and helps to keep foot temperatures at healthful levels. Giving it a rest will allow the perspiration to be passed off completely, so that the shoe will be completely dry when it is put on again.

Above all, follow these basic rules for foot health issued by the American Foot Care Institute:

I. Wash Frequently! Bathe your feet once or even twice a day, dry them thoroughly and use foot powder afterward.

II. Change Often! Never wear the same pair of shoes two days in succession, and change socks or stockings once or twice a day.

III. Trim Right! Cut your toenails straight across, and not shorter than the flesh.

IV. Fit Right! Be sure you have the proper size of shoe, the proper last of shoe, and the proper size of sock or stocking (half-inch longer than longest toe).

V. Exercise! Limber up your feet at intervals. They have muscles too, remember. Wiggle your toes!

VI. Keep Dry! Don't needlessly get your feet wet.

VII. Walk Right! Cultivate good posture.

VIII. Don't Neglect! Examine your feet at frequent intervals to guard against ailments.

IX. Take Care! Don't be a "bathroom surgeon." If your feet need attention, consult a qualified chiropodist or podiatrist.

POW-WOW SMITH

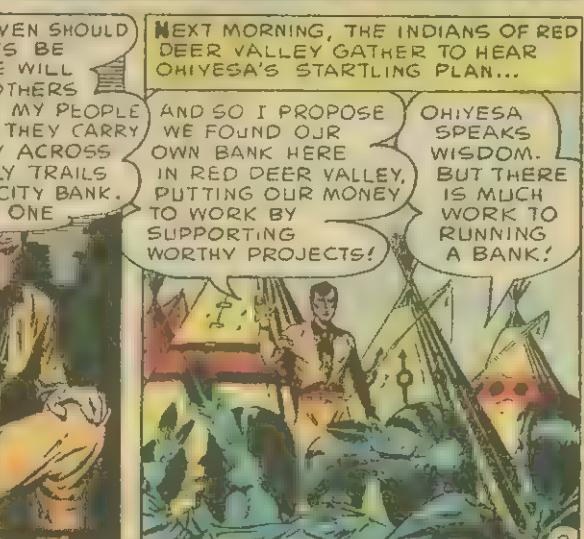
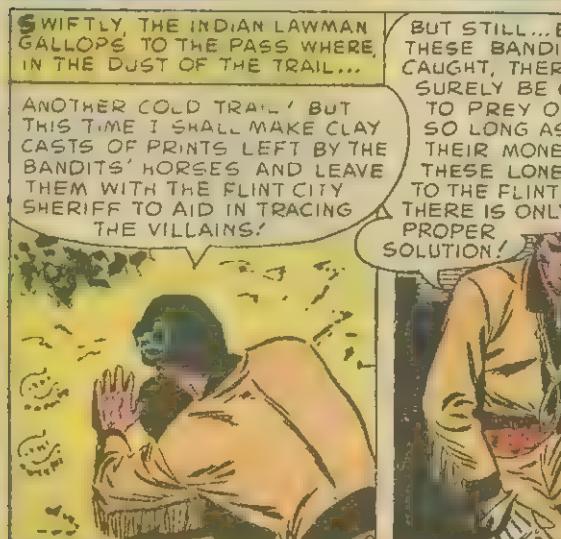
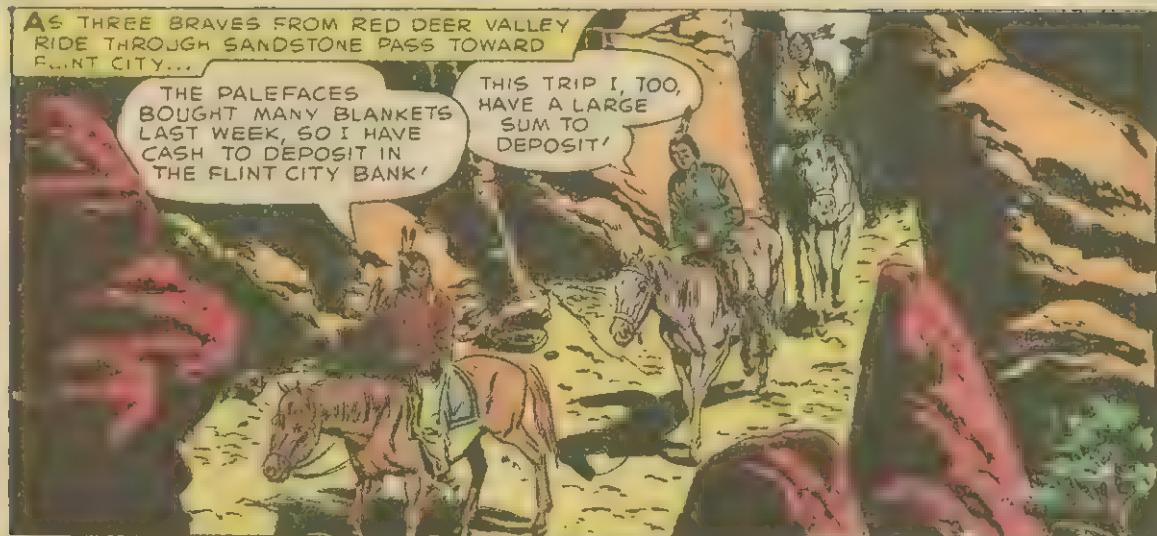
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FIRST INDIAN BANK
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[LEONARD STARK]

WHICH IS THE BETTER WAY OF DOING THINGS? THE ANCIENT WAY OF THE REDMAN OR THE MODERN METHODS OF THE PALEFACE? THIS IS THE QUESTION THAT DIVIDES THE BANDIT-HARASSED INDIANS OF RED DEER VALLEY AS POW-WOW SMITH OFFERS THEM A MODERN SOLUTION THROUGH HIGH FINANCE! SEE HOW THE INDIAN LAWMAN FINALLY COMBINES ANCIENT SKILLS OF TRACKING AND MANHUNTING WITH THE MODERN PROBLEMS OF GETTING HIS PEOPLE TO HELP HIM IN THE FOUNDING OF...

"THE WAMPUM WIGWAM!"



I WILL GLADLY
UNDERTAKE THE
WORK UNTIL SOME
OF YOU OTHERS
CAN LEARN IT!

WAIT! I AM AN OLD CHIEF
WHO CAN STILL RECALL
THE LONG AGO DAYS
WHEN OUR MIGHTY
HUNTERS STALKED THE
BUFFALO ON THESE
PLAINS!

SHALL WE NOW
FORGET OUR GLORIOUS
PAST BY TAKING ON
MORE OF THE WAYS OF
THE PALEFACE? THIS
BANK IS NOT GOOD
FOR THE REDMAN!

LET CHIEF LOTSOTEE
LIVE IN HIS DREAMS
OF THE PAST! THE
WORLD HAS CHANGED!
LET US HAVE THE
BANK!



THE EAGER PEOPLE OVERRIDE THE OLD
CHIEF'S OBJECTIONS AND POW-WOW SMITH'S
PLAN IS CARRIED. IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING,
ALL WORK TOGETHER AT CONSTRUCTING THE
NEW BANK...

LET US HOPE
THERE WILL
BE NO NEED
FOR
PROTECTION
AGAINST
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BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT, AT THE
GOLDEN GOOSE GAMING HOUSE
IN FLINT CITY BIG ED BURKE, THE
PROPRIETOR, IS SPEAKING TO A
CRONY...

WE HAD A NICE STEADY TAKE
IN SANDSTONE PASS. MAYBE
THIS BANK WILL BE EASIER
PICKIN' AN' A BETTER
HAUL. WE'LL SEND
A COUPLE OF
BOYS TO CASE
THE JOINT!



SEVERAL DAYS LATER, THE BANK IS COMPLETED,
BUT OHIYESA IS NOT ENTIRELY EASY IN MIND...

LOOK, OHIYESA!
TOMORROW OUR
BANK WILL BE
ABLE TO OPEN!

IF ONLY CHIEF LOTSOTEE
APPROVED THE PEOPLE
ARE PLEASED NOW.
BUT THE DAY MAY COME
WHEN HIS OPPOSITION
MAY TURN THEM AGAINST
ME. I HOPE IT WON'T
HAPPEN...



AND SO, NEXT MORNING, AS THE NEW BANK
OPENS FOR BUSINESS...

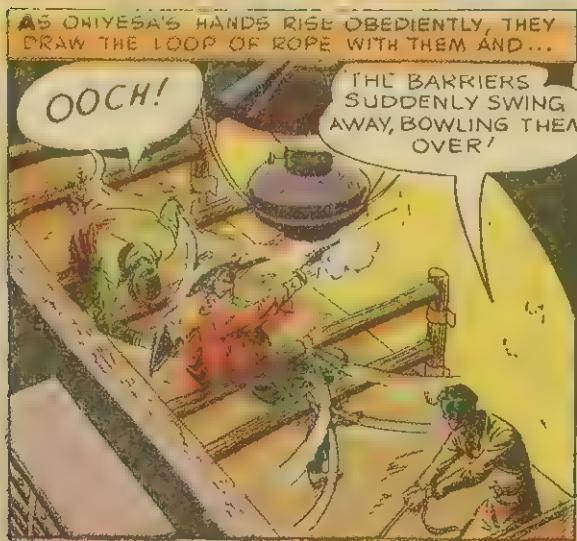
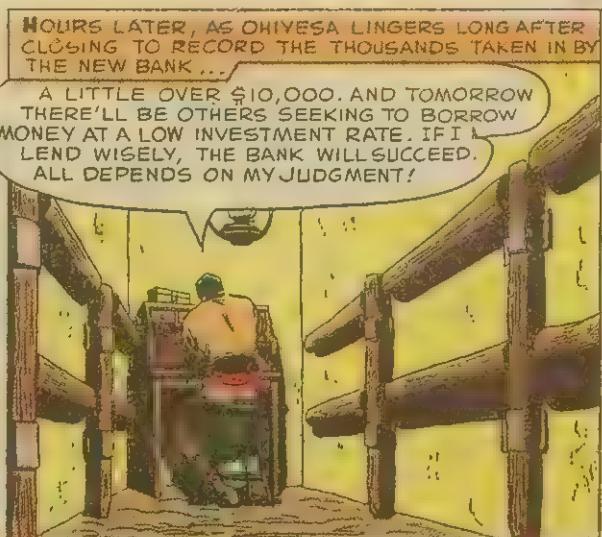
WHY YOU GIVE
ME THIS LITTLE
BOOK FOR MY
MONEY, OHIYESA?

THAT BANK BOOK IS YOUR
RECEIPT FOR THE MONEY
YOU'VE DEPOSITED IN
THE BANK! NEXT...



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SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE SOUND OF THE SHOT DRAWS A CROWD OF CURIOUS REDSKINS TO THE BANK...

BANK ROBBERS!

YES... BUT OUR LITTLE BANK WASN'T THE PUSHOVER THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE! NOW IF SOME OF YOU CAN ESCORT THESE MEN TO JAIL, I'LL GET BACK TO STUDYING SOME OF THE LOAN APPLICATIONS I HAVE TO PASS ON TOMORROW.



EARLY NEXT MORNING, THE FIRST LOAN APPLICANTS APPEAR... A FATHER AND SON...

...AND THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO SEND THIS FINE SON OF MINE TO THE COLLEGE WHERE HE WILL STUDY TO BE A FOREST RANGER AND CONSERVATION EXPERT, OHIYESA!

BUT YOU'VE NO PROPERTY OR SECURITY. I... OH... THAT PESKY CAT AGAIN!



THIS TIME, I'LL JUST GET RID OF IT FOR GOOD!
I... HUH?

STOP! DO NOT HARM THE LITTLE CREATURE!



DROP THAT KNIFE!
IT IS CRIMINAL TO SLAY A HELPLESS ANIMAL!

KORILLA... YOU FOOL! NOW YOU WILL NEVER GO TO COLLEGE!



BUT HE CERTAINLY WILL GO! I PRETENDED TO GO AFTER THAT CAT TO TEST HIM... AND HE'S A FINE BRAVE STALWART LAD WITH THE MAKINGS OF A SUPERB CONSERVATION OFFICER! YOUR BOY'S CHARACTER IS ENOUGH SECURITY FOR THIS BANK!



SUCH IS OHIYESA'S WAY OF RUNNING A BANK... A WISE AND HUMAN WAY. AND SO, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS THAT DAY...

I LENT OUT MOST OF OUR FUNDS TODAY, SINCE MOST OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE NOTHING OF VALUE TO SECURE THE LOANS, I LET MY HEART DECIDE AND ACCEPTED THESE TOKENS AS SECURITY. I'LL BE RUNNING A GENERAL STORE SOON IF THIS KEEPS UP...



MEANWHILE, AT BIG ED BURKE'S "GOLDEN GOOSE" IN FLINT CITY...

THANKS TO THAT BISCUIT-TIN BANK, AL AND LEFTY ARE IN THE JUG. CRACKIN' THAT BANK'S GONNA BE AN OPERATION!

NOT FOR US! SANDSTONE PASS WAS SMALL STUFF, BUT STEADY AND NOT TOO RISKY! ESPECIALLY SINCE WE CAN RUIN THAT BANK AND POW-WOW SMITH AT THE SAME TIME FOR A MEASLY TEN SMACKERS!

THAT EVENING, IN RED DEER VALLEY, AS A MASKED SOLITARY RIDER GALLOPS PAST THE BANK...

AN ATTACK ON OUR BANK!



I GOT THE CASH, BARNEY! RIDE LIKE BLAZES!

THE CASH! THEY HAVE ROBBED THE BANK! STOP THEM!



I SAW THE BANK'S ROLL OF CASH IN THE BANDIT'S HAND... AND SEE... HE DROPPED TEN DOLLARS AS HE GALLOPED OFF!

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE HAS ROBBED THE BANK! IT'S SOME KIND OF TRICK!

DOES THIS TEN DOLLARS LOOK LIKE A TRICK? DID I NOT SEE IT DROP FROM THE ROLL IN THE MASKED RIDER'S HAND?

PERHAPS OHIYESA FEARS TO ADMIT THAT HE FAILED TO GUARD THE BANK! IF THE MONEY IS SAFE, LET ME DRAW MINE OUT!

YES... AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE MY MONEY, TOO!

AND I MINE! VERY WELL... YOU MAY ALL HAVE YOUR MONEY BACK! MAYBE THEN YOU WILL BELIEVE THAT I SPEAK THE TRUTH!



AS OHYESA HASTENS BACK OF THE TELLER'S CAGE TO PAY OUT HIS SUSPICIOUS DEPOSITORS...

MASKED HORSEMEN STAGING A FAKE HOLD-UP OF THE BANK? WHY? WELL... I'VE ENOUGH CASH LEFT FROM THOSE LOANS TO PAY THESE FELLOWS OUT, SO I'LL TEND TO THAT FIRST!

BUT WHILE THE BANK'S DWINDLING RESERVE OF CASH IS BEING PAID OUT TO THE FIRST GROUP RUMOR SPREADS THROUGH THE VALLEY LIKE A PRAIRIE FIRE...

THE BANK HAS BEEN ROBBED AND OHYESA DENIES IT! SO LET US SEE IF HE CAN PAY JS BACK OUR MONEY!

LET US SEE, INDEED?

AND SO SHORTLY AFTER...

WE DEMAND OUR MONEY!

IT'S A RUN ON THE BANK! AND I'VE JUST PAID OUT THE LAST CENT BECAUSE EVERYTHING ELSE IS INVESTED IN LOANS! WE'LL HAVE TO CLOSE UNLESS I CAN MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND, SOMEHOW, THAT NO BANK KEEPS ALL ITS CASH ON HAND.

HASTENING OUTSIDE, OHYESA DESPERATELY TRIES TO EXPLAIN THE BANK'S PROBLEM TO THE PANICKED REDMEN...

THERE IS NO MORE CASH.. TRUE! BUT IT WAS NOT STOLEN! NO BANK CAN LEND MONEY AND THEN PAY OUT EVERYONE AT ONCE!

OHYESA SPEAKS WITH A FORKED TONGUE! HAVE NOT THE BANDITS BEEN SEEN ESCAPING WITH THE SAVINGS OF ALL THE VALLEY?

AS I WARNED, WITH AN OLD CHIEF'S WISDOM, THIS BANK HAS SPREAD DISASTER AND DISTRUST AMONG US!

OHYESA LIES TO COVER THE FAILURE OF HIS PRECIOUS BANK!

HE IS NO LONGER TO BE TRUSTED AMONG US!

WAIT! HAVE I SPOKEN TRUTH FOR YEARS THAT MY WORD SHOULD NOW BECOME TWISTED AS SMOKE? GIVE ME SIX HOURS! I WILL PAY BACK EVERY DEPOSITOR OR BE BANISHED FROM THIS VALLEY FOR GOOD!

SIX HOURS, BE IT, OHYESA... AND THE TRUTH SHALL JUDGE YOU!



DETECTIVE COMICS



SIX HOURS TO SAVE HIS REPUTATION AND RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN THE BANK! SWIFTLY OH YESA SADDLES HIS HORSE AS A DESPERATE PLAN FORMS IN HIS MIND...

SO THE PURPOSE OF THAT FAKE ROBBERY WAS TO RUIN THE BANK, ONCE MORE FORCING MY PEOPLE TO CARRY THE R CASH TO FLINT CITY SO THAT THE BANDITS OF SANDSTONE PASS COULD CONTINUE TO ROB MY TRIBE! THOSE BANDITS ARE THE OYES I MUST FIND!



A WHIRLING GALLOP AND SOON IN FLINT CITY WHERE HE IS KNOWN AS POW WOOW SMITH, THE INDIAN LAWMAN STOPS AT AN ODD LITTLE STORE...

WHY I'M RIGHT SORRY, POW-WOOW, BUT I SOLD OUT MY WHOLE STOCK OF STAGE MONEY THIS VERY AFTERNOON!

SCARE YOUR FRIENDS, TERRIFY THE DOGS, EXPLODING BLANK CARTRIDGE PISTOL

SO MY HUNCH COULD BE CORRECT THAT THE MEN WHO FADED THAT HOLDUP WERE OPERATING OUT OF FLINT CITY... OR IT'S JUST COINCIDENCE...



IF I COULD FIND THIS MAN, MAYBE HE'D GIVE ME SOME OF THIS STAGE MONEY WHICH I NEED TO TEACH THE INDIANS SOME LESSONS IN BANKING!

YOU CAN TRY BUT I DOUBT IF BIG ED BURKE OF THE GOLDEN GOOSE WOULD GIVE AWAY A CROW IN A CORN PATCH!



SHORTLY AFTER, AT THE REAR OF THE GOLDEN GOOSE GAMING HOUSE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...

AFTER THOSE CASTS I MADE OF THE BANDIT HORSE TRACKS IN SANDSTONE PASS, I'D RECOGNIZE THESE NAIL MARKS ANYWHERE! SO... I'M ON A WARM TRAIL! EITHER BIG ED HIMSELF OR A CRONY OWNS THIS HORSE!



I AINT SURE... BUT SOME INJUN SNOOPIN' AROUND YER HORSE OUT THERE LOOKS A LOT LIKE POW-WOW SMITH!

HIM? ONLY ONE REASON HE'D BE HERE! AN' I NEVER TAKE RISKS! GET THE BOYS AWAY FROM THAT POOL TABLE, QUICK! WE GOT WORK TO DO!



A MOMENT LATER...

ALL RIGHT, POW-WOOW! REACH! AN' DON'T TRY NOTHIN' BECAUSE AINT NO ONE GONNA NOTICE A LITTLE THING LIKE A GUN SHOT COMIN' FROM BACK HERE WHERE WE DO TARGET SHOOTIN'!

A TRAP!



A SUDDEN BACKWARD LEAP, AND THE INDIAN LAWMAN'S BOWIE KNIFE FLASHES AS HE SEIZES THE WINCH ROPE FASTENED TO THE BARN WALL...

PLUG HIM!!



HE'S HEADING INTO THE HAYLOFT! WE'LL SMOKE HIM OUT LIKE A RAT!

SO.. IT'S BIG ED! I WANT HIM... AND HE WANTS ME! WELL... I'M NOT WAITING TO BE SMOKED OUT!



SARCELLY HAS HE LANDED WHEN POW-WOW TRIES A DARING LEAP FROM THE HAYLOFT...



DON'T SAY IT! YOU CAN EXPLAIN IT ALL TO THE SHERIFF WHEN HE CHECKS THIS HORSE'S HOOF AGAINST THE CASTS I LEFT IN HIS OFFICE!

I...OOF!



BREATHLESS MOMENTS LATER... IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...

AWRIGHT.. SO YOU GOT ME... BUT AT LEAST I GOT THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING YOU'RE WASHED UP IN RED DEER VALLEY! YOU AIN'T GONNA SAVE THE BANK WITH NO \$500 REWARD!

JUST THE SAME, YOUR SIX HOURS ARE RUNNING OUT! YOU GIT MOVING, POW-WOW! I'LL HANDLE THE REST OF BURKE'S VARMINTS!



ANOTHER FURIOS R.D.E. AND PRESENTLY, OUTSIDE THE BANK AT RED DEER VALLEY WHERE A TENSE MOB AWAITED HIM...

THE MONEY, OH YESA! DID YOU GET OUR MONEY?

THAT MONEY, AS I SAID BEFORE, IS OUT ON LOAN! BUT... I SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING THE SANDSTONE PASS BANK ROBBERS! THE REWARD MONEY I'M GETTING WILL COVER ALL OF YOUR DEPOSITS!

AND... HERE IS THE CASH!

IF THEY FELL FOR BIG ED'S STAGE MONEY ONCE, THEY MAY DO IT AGAIN... UNLESS... HAM... BUT, WHAT ARE THEY ALL SO SILENT ABOUT?



WELL... LINE UP IF YOU WISH TO BE PAID!

OHIVE-HA... I THINK... WELL... SINCE OUR MONEY IS SAFE... WE WOULD ALL JUST AS WELL LEAVE IT IN THE BANK! AND IN YOUR CARE!



BUT WAIT! WAS IT REALLY THE PALTRY REWARD THAT SATISFIED THE DEPOSITORS? SOME DAYS LATER, AS **BANKER** OHIVESA RECEIVES AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR...

CHIEF LOTSOTEE!
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THIS BANK?



FOR SOME TIME, I HAVE KEPT SILENT BUT LOTSOTEE'S EYES HAVE NOT LOST THEIR YOUTHFUL KEENNESS. SO THEY DID NOT FAIL TO NOTE THE EXTRA ZERO INKED ONTO THE REWARD POSTER!

DO NOT IN ERK, PT! FOR I HAVE ALSO EYES TO SEE BY NOW WHAT GOOD THE BANK IS DOING FOR MY PEOPLE. SO... I WILL KEEP THIS SECRET BETWEEN US ON ONE CONDITION?

HUH?

WELL... I...
GULP!
WHAT CONDITION?



YOUR REAL WORK IS ELSEWHERE, AND I AM TOO OLD TO LEARN, BUT TO HAVE MY SON WHO WILL BE CHIEF AFTER ME PROPERLY EQUIPPED TO GUIDE HIS PEOPLE, YOU WILL HAVE TO TRAIN HIM IN THE RUNNING OF THIS BANK!

CHIEF LOTSOTEE... OUR BANK IS NOW TRULY A SUCCESS!



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HENRY
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ALAN GOT A BIG BOAT FOR HIS BIRTHDAY - AND HE NAMED IT AFTER ME. HE INVITED ME TO GO YACHTING WITH HIM TOMORROW!



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STEEL WOOL BURNS FASTER!

ARE THERE ANY CANNIBAL SNAKES
THAT LIVE BY EATING OTHER
SNAKES?



YES! THE KING SNAKE.... ENEMY OF
THE RATTLER, DEVOURS ITS RIVAL....
AFTER KILLING IT! KING SNAKES
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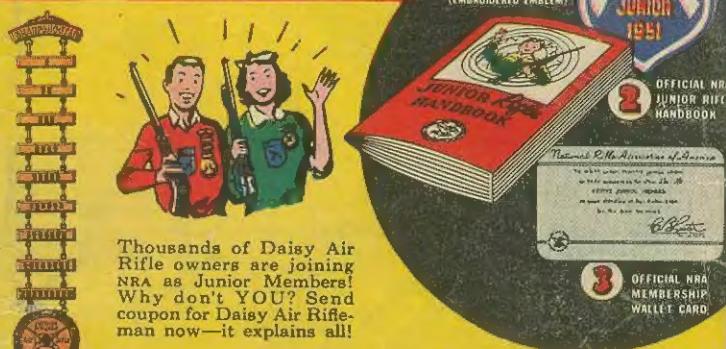
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